MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Howard W. Brown, Jr., City Manager
CC: City Department Directors
Date: September 9, 2016
Re: Bi-Monthly Update and Report (Week Ending Saturday, September 10, 2016)

Upcoming Meetings:

- September 14, 2016 – City Council Meeting: The closed session will start at 5:00 p.m. and regular session at 7:00 p.m.

Administration

- The Metro Board of Directors voted to implement a news sales tax measure, titled the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan, also referred to as “MEASURE M”, on the November 8, 2016 ballot. The Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) intends to launch an educational campaign. Cities are not allowed to lobby against these measures, but we can provide factual information. I will be suggesting to the City Council on September 28, 2016 that we oppose MEASURE M and authorize $7,500 to be used to assist in the educational campaign, as requested by the Gateway COG.

- A request from Ms. Esperanza Basulto at Ochoa Elementary, has been made. She is interested in having a City Council representative explain the election process. She was not specific on the date. Ms. Basulto may be reached at [redacted]. Please let Angela know if you are interested, so she can place the appointment in your calendar.

- The Bell Library HVAC installation started on Friday, September 2, 2016. Final installation should be completed on or before Saturday, September 17, 2016.

- The deadline to submit applications for the Planning Commission is Friday, September 16, 2016. The application is on the City’s website and can also be opened through this link: http://www.cityofbell.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/1878/20?backlist=%2f

- The applications that are received by the deadline will be distributed to the City Council on Monday, September 19, 2016. Appointments to the Planning Commission will be placed on the September 28, 2016 City Council agenda.

- Attached is a letter from Tract 349 Mutual Water Co. notifying the City that low levels of dioxane were detected from its Water Well #2 located at 3724 Florence.
Also, attached is a letter from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control that was sent to the City Council. I will leave a hard copy in their inbox.

WRD will celebrate the groundbreaking of the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Project (GRIP) on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 11:00am at the GRIP Site, 4320 San Gabriel River PKWY, Pico Rivera CA 90660. RSVP is required.

**Human Resources:**

- Interviews for the Associate Planner concluded last week. A background check is being conducted on the candidate. A hiring decision should be made within the next week, with the new employee starting on or before October 31, 2016.

- We will start interviews for the Public Works Manager on September 12, 2016.

- The Management Analyst for the City Manager's Office will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

- The city held its first round of Finance Director Interviews last week. We plan to have city staff and myself meet the final two candidates. I plan to bring my selection to the City Council meeting on September 28, 2016 for ratification.

**Community Development:**

- There is nothing to report at this time, other than the Community Development Department will be presenting a number of development proposals and real estate matters to the City Council on September 28, 2016 during closed session.

- There are a number of development projects occurring throughout the city. On Florence, Gage, and King Streets the developments range from multifamily residential construction to commercial/office renovation.

**Police Department**

- Last week, officers received a call of an armed robbery at the 6500 block of Scelina Avenue. Officers responded and interviewed the victim, who said he dropped off a friend at the location and was then approached by several gang members. One of the gang members were armed with a weapon and the victim was robbed. The officers are familiar with the location and know some of the gang members who reside in the area. The officers went to the location and detained some of the suspects. A search of the location resulted in the recovery of the weapon used in the robbery. The victim identified two of the suspects as being involved and they were subsequently arrested.

- Metro PCS located at 3719 Gage Avenue has been robbed twice at gun point within a two week period. The first robbery occurred in June and the second in July. Detectives submitted a
wanted poster to local agencies which resulted in locating several victims throughout LA County that had been victimized by the same suspect. On August 22, 2016, Bell Detectives received notification that a suspect had been arrested by LAPD. Detectives assisted in the investigation and were able to identify the suspect as the person that robbed our Metro PCS. The DA filed a total of 18 felony counts of robbery.

- On Wednesday September 7, 2016, I attended a clean-up of the transitional homes for the veterans at the Bell Shelter. I was joined by State Senator Ricardo Lara, State Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, and other dignitaries who spoke briefly welcoming the Home Depot volunteers in the clean-up project.

- On September 10, 2016, we received an email from a citizen who wanted to thank our Night Watch officers in taking quick action on closing down a party that was causing loud music.
  
    o “Good evening Capt. Islas, I just want to thank your night on-duty officers for being prompt, in response time and shutting down a neighbor's party of LOUD music…. I practice, to acknowledge both, when I am satisfied or dissatisfied…just my nature. Thank you, having put together a finer department. Good evening, Roger Ramirez”

- This coming week (September 14-15, 2016), I will be attending the LA County Strategic Conference, in Temecula. This is an annual conference where regional issues for grants, Homeland Security, interoperability, mental health training, and a myriad of other issues LA County is facing, are discussed. I will provide an update after the conference, on what was discussed and agreed upon.

**Community Services Department**

- The Mayor's Community Clean-Up will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2016 with a new time from 7:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. Volunteers will meet on the corner of Randolph and Prospect.

- The floor installation at the Bell Community Center is scheduled to be completed by Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

- Ballet for Tots will host their annual recital at the Bell Community Center on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

- Community Services Department partnered with the American Red Cross to host a Blood Drive at the Bell Community Center on Monday, September 19, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.

**Finance Department**

- State Controller's Auditor will be here to do the FY15-16 Annual Street Report.
• I met with Mr. J'on Dennis, CPA, the City's Auditor last week. They are ready and avid to get started with the audit.

• Metro Los Angeles - auditors will be here the week of September 19, 2016 to do the FY15-16 audit for the Prop-A, Prop C, and Measure R funds.

END OF MEMORANDUM
Tract 349 Mutual Water Co.

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CUDAHY, CALIFORNIA 90201-5903

September 8, 2016

City of Bell
Attn: City Council
6330 Pine Avenue
Bell, CA 90201

SUBJECT: 1,4- DIOXANE DETECTION

This is to notify you that Tract 349 Mutual Water Company detected low levels of 1,4-Dioxane in samples taken from its Water Well #2 located at 3724 Florence Ave., Huntington Park, CA 90255 that are above the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (SWRCB-DDW) notification level of 1ug/L, (parts/billion).

Pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 116455, Tract 349 Mutual Water Company is required to inform its governing body and the governing body of any local agency whose jurisdiction includes areas supplied with drinking water by Tract 349 Mutual Water Company, of contaminant concentrations exceeding the notification level.

The 1,4-Dioxane concentrations were detected in water samples collected from Water Well #2 on August 26, 2016 at 1.3 ug/L (parts/billion).

Tract 349 Mutual Water Company serves water in the area bounded by the following streets: Atlantic Avenue on the East, Florence Avenue on the North, Salt Lake Avenue on the West and Patata on the South.

1,4-Dioxane is used as a stabilizer in chlorinated solvents. It has been shown to cause cancer in laboratory animals that have been exposed to high levels of the substance over their lifetimes. Chemicals that cause cancer in laboratory animals may also increase the risk of cancer in people who are exposed over long periods of time. 1,4-Dioxane is considered a probable human carcinogen by the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), and it is identified as a chemical known to the State to cause cancer for purposes of California’s Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).

The 1ug/L drinking water notification level for 1,4-Dioxane is derived from the cancer potency in the US EPA’S Integrated Risk Information System. It corresponds to a risk level of up to one excess case of cancer per million people drinking two liters of water everyday over 70-year lifetime, a level that is considered by regulatory agencies to pose an insignificant health risk.
Tract 349 Mutual Water Co.

If you have any questions about this, please telephone Ryan Rosche Water & Maintenance Superintendent, at (323) 560-1601.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Martin Susair
General Manager

cc: 1. Paul William, P.E, District Engineer, Hollywood District
    State Water Resources Control Board
    Division of Drinking Water

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